

REMARKS

Amendments


Claims 1 and 39 are amended to delete "or prevention" and to delete superfluous language from the proviso clauses. Also, in claims 1 and 39 the description of the groups formed by D₁ and D₂ together is rearranged for further clarity.

Due to the deletion of "or prevention" from claim, claim 19 is cancelled and claims 2, 15, 21-25, 28-30, and 35 are amended to depend from claim 1, rather than claim 19.

For the reasons presented in the Reply of January 2, 2004, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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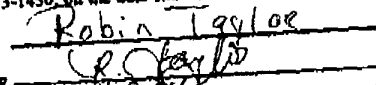
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